

### **Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Biography**

On November 3, 2009, the people of New Jersey elected Kim Guadagno as the first Lieutenant Governor in our state's history.

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno was born in Waterloo, Iowa, moving all over the country as a child before she made New Jersey her home. Her husband, Mike, grew up in Monmouth County where they decided to raise their three boys, Kevin, Michael and Anderson.

After graduating from Ursinus College in 1980 and then American University law school in 1983, Kim began her public career as a federal prosecutor where she earned a reputation as being tough and independent. She started out working in Brooklyn for the Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force. When Kim married her husband they decided they wanted to raise their family in New Jersey so she moved to the United States Attorney's office in Newark, New Jersey.

After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office, Kim went on to serve as Assistant Attorney General, serving as the Deputy Director of the Division of Criminal Justice. After leaving the Attorney General's office in 2001, Kim continued her commitment to public service, serving on both the Monmouth Beach planning board and later as Commissioner from 2005 – 2007. In 2007, Kim became the first female Sheriff of Monmouth County. While Sheriff, Kim pursued an aggressive agenda to fight crime, strengthen community outreach and enact innovative initiatives. Lt. Governor Guadagno also taught at Rutgers Law School-Newark from 2001 through her election in 2009.

Kim Guadagno was sworn in as New Jersey's first Lieutenant Governor on January 19, 2010.